

**Department of Health and Human Services
Mental Health and Developmental Services
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)
Briefing on State Liquor Tax**

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Source of Liquor Tax funds collected by the Department of Taxation and administered by SAPTA:

- Excise tax of \$3.60 per gallon on liquor containing more than 22% alcohol/volume (NRS 369.330)
- Additional excise tax of \$1.50 per gallon on liquor containing more than 22% alcohol/volume (NRS 369.333)
- Tax must be paid by 20th of each month; 5% discount allowed if paid by the 15th (NRS 369.370)
- Tax is refunded if liquor is shipped out of state for sale elsewhere (NRS 369.370)
- **The portion of the above taxes that exceeds \$3.45 per gallon is transferred monthly to the Liquor Program Account.** (NRS 369.174)
- There are also excise taxes on beverages containing less than 22% alcohol/volume, but these are not administered by SAPTA. (NRS 369.330 and 369.173)

Intended Use of Liquor Tax Administered by SAPTA:

- “Money received by the Division pursuant to NRS 369.174 must be used to increase services for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse and alcoholism and for the detoxification and rehabilitation of alcohol and drug abusers.” (NRS 458.097)
- “In allocating the money for the increase of services, the Division shall give priority to:
 1. The areas where there exists a shortage of personnel to conduct treatment for alcoholism and alcohol abuse. The Division shall determine the areas of shortage on the basis of data available from state and local agencies, data contained in the comprehensive state plan for alcohol and drug abuse programs, and other appropriate data.
 2. The needs of counties to provide:
 - (1) Civil protective custody, pursuant to NRS 458.270, for persons who are found in public places while under the influence of alcohol; and
 - (2) Secure detoxification units or other appropriate facilities for persons who are arrested or taken into custody while under the influence of a controlled substance.
 3. Alcohol and drug abuse programs that are primarily directed toward the prevention of such abuse.”

In State Fiscal Year 2006, the Liquor Tax was spent on six detoxification / civil protective custody / rural programs:

Program	Amount of Award	Location	Detox Scope of Work	CPC Scope of Work
			Clients	Clients
Bristlecone Family Resources	\$158,000	Reno	430	0
Community Counseling Center - Carson City	\$100,000	Carson City	119	50
New Frontier	\$ 45,000	Fallon	24	0
Vitality Center, Inc.	\$142,000	Elko	95	12
Washoe County Sheriff's Office	\$120,000	Reno	0	2,000
WestCare Nevada, Inc.	\$250,000	Las Vegas	1,687	600
Total:	\$815,000		2,355	2,662

In State Fiscal Year 2007, the Liquor Tax is obligated to six programs for detoxification / civil protective custody:

Program	Amount of Award	Location	Detox Scope of Work	CPC Scope of Work
			Clients	Clients
Bristlecone Family Resources	\$250,000	Reno	485	
Community Counseling Center - Carson City	\$144,975	Carson City	170	50
New Frontier	\$ 82,500	Fallon	107	
Vitality Center, Inc.	\$ 85,200	Elko	175	
Washoe County Sheriff's Office	\$120,000	Reno		2,000
WestCare Nevada, Inc.	\$400,000	Las Vegas	1,421	500
Total	\$1,082,675		2,358	2,550